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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
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VIA: Chairman, National Intelligence Council

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SUBJECT: The President's Comments on the PLO and Central America,
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1. The President met with Ambassador Whittelsey's group this morning and emphasized the following in his public remarks:

- We have documented a long history of Cuba/PLO Sandinista cooperation on behalf of violence and terrorism.
- The Sandinistas have persecuted the Jewish Community in Nicaragua, attacked their synagogues, frightened the Jewish Community out of Nicaragua and have declared themselves to be enemies of Israel, as well as the United States.
- Current US policy, if supported by the public, will prevent violent minorities from bringing communism to Central America.

2. The White House also issued a brief paper laying out the facts: PLO in Central America (9 pages).


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